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1. CHARGE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION AT
HIGHEST LEVEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE BASED ON TEXT BELOW.
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

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THE PRESIDENT IS INTERESTED IN RESUMING THE HIGH-LEVEL
DIALOGUE ON WORLD AFFAIRS WHICH HAS INVOLVED A NUMBER OF
USEFUL EXCHANGES OVER THE PAST YEAR.

SINCE PRESIDENT TITO'S MEMORABLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN
MARCH, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE INTEREST
IN THE ACTIVITIES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND OF PRESIDENT TITO

HIMSELF. THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ENJOYED MEETING MR. MARKOVIC AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY DELEGATION WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE UNITED STATES, AND GOVERNOR HARRIMAN HAS KINDLY SHARED WITH US HIS IMPRESSIONS FROM HIS RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND HIS

TALKS WITH PRESIDENT TITO, FOREIGN SECRETARY VRHOVEC AND OTHERS.

WE ARE AWARE THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS NOW HOSTING THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HUA KUO-FENG, AND WE WISHED TO NOTE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

DR. BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP TO THE PRC IN MAY WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO WORLD ISSUES. AS BEFORE, WE FOUND OURSELVES IN AGREEMENT ON MANY ISSUES. A FEW WEEKS LATER, THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, DR. PRESS, VISITED CHINA WITH SEVERAL OF OUR LEADING SCIENTIFIC PEOPLE TO DISCUSS FURTHER COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY FRUITFUL. WE EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO RECEIVE A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF CHINESE TO STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY WILL BE WELL SERVED BY CHINA'S CURRENT EFFORT TO MODERNIZE ITS ECONOMY. WE
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ALSO REMAIN DETERMINED TO COMPLETE THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND BELIEVE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THOSE CITED ABOVE ARE CONDUCIVE TO THIS PROCESS.

IN THE MONTHS SINCE PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME THOUGHTS ON THE FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST MEETING AT CAMP DAVID.

WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE BOTH ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT NEXT MONTH AT CAMP DAVID. WE HAVE PURPOSELY NOT SET A FIXED DURATION FOR THE TALKS IN ORDER TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS IS NEEDED. THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH ALL PARTIES ARE APPROACHING THIS MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT EXTENDED THIS INVITATION BECAUSE HE BELIEVES WE HAVE REACHED A CRUCIAL POINT IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NINE MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN OPENED SIGNIFI-

CANT NEW POSSIBILITIES WITH THE HISTORIC MEETINGS IN JERUSALEM AND IN ISMAILIA. ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT DIVIDE THEM, BUT RECENTLY THEY HAD REACHED AN IMPASSE. THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD, SINCE POSITIONS WOULD THEN HARDEN AND THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WOULD DETERIORATE TO THE POINT WHERE PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE COULD BECOME MERELY ANOTHER

LOST OPPORTUNITY.

THE OBJECTIVE AT THE CAMP DAVID MEETING WILL REMAIN AS IT HAS BEEN DEFINED BY THE TWO SIDES THEMSELVES IN NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR: TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A FRAMEWORK, BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, THAT
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WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE AGREED GOAL OF A STABLE, JUST, AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. SUCH AN AGREED FRAMEWORK MIGHT HELP TO BRING OTHER PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT INTO THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

OUR EXPERIENCE THIS PAST YEAR HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUES BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT UNLESS THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES CAN BE ENGAGED IN A DIRECT EXCHANGE. THIS WAS ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT LED THE PRESIDENT TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO THE TWO LEADERS TO MEET WITH HIM AT CAMP DAVID. WE WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL WHICH CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE KEY ISSUES FOR LATER MORE DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

WE KNOW THAT THE YUGOSLAVS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TALKS, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT US IN THIS TASK.

WE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST THE RECENT NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE. AS YOU KNOW, THERE WERE SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST, ZIONISM AS RACISM AND PUERTO RICO, WITH WHICH WE HAVE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES. BUT WE ARE NEVERTHELESS MINDFUL OF YUGOSLAVIA'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT UNIFIED AND DIRECTED TOWARD GOALS WHICH TRULY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE GREAT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH TAKE PART. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN SECRETARY VRHOVEC, WE RESPECT THESE EFFORTS AND GOALS, AND WE PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE BALANCED APPROACH IN PRESIDENT TITO'S ADDRESS TO THE DELEGATES.

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FINALLY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF
OUR RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING SO POSTIVELYELY
OVER THE PAST ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS, AND WE LOOOK FORWARD TO
TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR DIALOGUE ON MAJOR WORLD
DEVELOPMENTS. END TEXT T.

3. CHARGE MAY DRAW ON REFTTEL FOR GUIDANCE SHOULD ANY
FURTHER QUESTIONS ARISE REGARDING THE CAMP DAVID MEETING. CHRISTOPHE
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